

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A mask assembly having a predetermined opening pattern used to form a thin layer having the same pattern on a substrate, comprising:

a frame having a window, the window having an edge; and

a masking part supported by the edge of the window, the masking part ~~including~~ consisting of a plurality of ~~shielding portions~~ linear wire elements spaced from each other to form the predetermined opening pattern, ~~each shielding portion having at least one linear element.~~

2. (currently amended): The mask assembly according to claim 1, wherein ~~each of the~~ plurality of ~~shielding portions~~ linear wire elements ~~are includes a plurality of parallel linear elements arranged in parallel~~ next to each other.

3. (currently amended): The mask assembly according to claim 2, wherein ~~each of the~~ plurality of ~~shielding portions~~ linear wire elements ~~has a multi-layer structure made by the plurality of linear elements arranged in a plurality of layers.~~

4. (original): The mask assembly device according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined opening pattern is made by removing predetermined one or more linear elements.

5. (currently amended): The mask assembly according to claim 1, ~~wherein further comprising each of the plurality of shielding portions has~~ a coating member to cover ~~the~~ at least one said linear wire element.

6. (currently amended): The mask assembly according to claim 1, ~~wherein further comprising each of the plurality of shielding portions has~~ a film member to cover ~~the~~ at least one said linear wire element.

7. (currently amended): The mask assembly according to claim 1, wherein each of the at ~~least one plurality of linear element~~ wire elements is made from an acid-resistive material.

8. (currently amended): The mask assembly according to claim 1, wherein each of the at ~~least one plurality of linear wire elements~~ element is a resin wire.

9. (currently amended): The mask assembly according to claim 3, wherein the ~~multi-layer structure~~ plurality of layers includes an upper layer and a lower layer, and the linear wire elements of the lower layer are arranged to seal gaps between the linear wire elements of the upper layer.

10. (withdrawn): A method of making a mask assembly, the mask assembly having a predetermined opening pattern used to form a thin layer of the same pattern on a substrate, comprising:

providing a masking part that includes a plurality of linear elements; and
removing at least one predetermined linear element from the plurality of linear elements to form the predetermined opening pattern.

11. (withdrawn): The method according to claim 10, wherein the step of providing a masking part and the step of removing the at least one predetermined linear element are repeated at least twice.

12. (withdrawn): The method according to claim 10 further including providing a coating over the plurality of linear elements.

13. (withdrawn): The method according to claim 10 further including providing a film over the plurality of linear elements.

14. (withdrawn): The method according to claim 10, wherein the plurality of linear elements are made from an acid-resistive material except for the at least one predetermined linear element.

15. (withdrawn): The method according to claim 10, wherein each of the plurality of linear elements is a resin wire.

16. (withdrawn): The method according to claim 10, wherein the predetermined linear elements are made from an acid-corrosive material, and the step of removing the at least one predetermined linear element includes immersing the plurality of linear elements into an acid pool.

17. (withdrawn): The method according to claim 10 further including attaching the plurality of linear elements on a frame.

18. (withdrawn): The method according to claim 17, wherein the step of attaching the plurality of linear elements is performed while a tension is being applied to the plurality of linear elements.